

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Allowable Claims

In the subject office action, the Examiner indicated claims 22-28 and 30-32 are allowable. Applicants greatly appreciate Examiner indication of allowable claims.

II. Allowable Claims if rewritten

In the subject office action, the Examiner indicated that original dependent claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten to independent form and to include any intervening claims. Hence, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original dependent claim 3 and claim 3 has been canceled.

The Examiner indicated that original dependent claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to independent form and to include any intervening claims. Hence, new independent claim 38 has been added which includes the limitations of original independent claim 1 and original dependent claim 7. New dependent claim 39 corresponds with original dependent claim 8.

The Examiner indicated that original dependent claim 37 would be allowable if rewritten to independent form and to include any intervening claims. Hence, independent claim 33 has been amended to include the limitations of original dependent claim 37 and claim 37 has been cancelled.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

In the subject Office Action, claims 1-2, 14-18, 33-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lim et al. With respect to independent claim 14, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider his rejection. Independent claim 14 not only includes the recitations of original dependent claim 7, which the Examiner indicated was allowable, but it also includes the recitations of original dependent claim 8. Additionally, claim 14 recites in detail the compensator circuit that the Examiner indicated as one of the reasons for allowing other claims. More specifically, independent claim 14 recites the following:

“- a compensator circuit coupled to the driver to measure a quantity reflective of a difference between the LH and HL switching delay periods; and

- the second stage in communications with the compensator circuit to modify the pre-driver waveform during an adjustment period based upon the measured quantity, the adjustment period occurring during at least a portion of one of the switching delay periods”

Dependent claims 15-21 should be allowable based upon being dependent from independent claim 14. Additionally, the Examiner already has indicated that dependent claims 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten.

IV. Conclusion

The Examiner has indicated that claims 22-28 and 30-33 are allowable and that claims 3, 7 and 37 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have placed these claims in form to be allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner indications of allowance.

Applicants have traversed the Examiner's rejection of independent claims 14 based upon the foregoing arguments.


Applicants submit claims 1-2, 4-28, 30-36 and 38-39 are in condition of allowance. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,

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